

Afternoon Frocks for the Debutante



At Right—
White Satin
Crepe With
Worsted Lace
Trimming



At Left—
Cuban Brown
Satin Crepe
Embroidered
in Gold

Helps for the Home Dressmaker

Dear Miss Lodewick:

Will you kindly suggest a becoming style for a dress. I have 5 yards of black Canton crepe, and want it suitable for afternoons and evenings. Am forty years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall and quite stout.

MRS. W. P.
Drape the girdle low about the hips, fastening at the left side front with a bead buckle. Black beads define the opening into which a trim of black lace is set. Lace forms the main sleeve also.

To Miss H. A.—This design is for you too, and is just as appropriate for your thirty years.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

I have a violet and gray checked suit which is small for me, but would like to utilize it for a skating costume. Could I wear some sort of gilet with it so as not to fasten the front? If so what would you suggest? What sort of hat? Am twenty-two years old, medium build.

MISS A. T.

Couldn't you wear a nice wool scarf about your neck, tucking the ends under the belt of the coat, or if it

hasn't a belt, wear a gray suede one? Scarf could be of gray or violet, or soft green, which could match a close fitting, roll-trimmed hat of same. Otherwise a small gray felt hat.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

I have a plain brown serge pleated skirt and would like to make a blouse for it from some canton crepe which I bought to match it. Would appreciate a pretty suggestion from you as to style. Am 24 years of age. Also will you tell me if brown is as becoming as blue to me? Have dark brown hair, grayish blue eyes, dark complexion, slight color in cheeks.

MISS E. H.

A band of embroidery with tassel drooping trims it. I should have to see you to know which of the two colors is most becoming as both should be particularly so. Possibly blue would enhance your coloring.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

I am desirous of making myself a hat and ask your advice as to a color which would be modish and pretty with my dark brown coat. I already have a brown, a blue, and a white. Am nineteen

years old, have dark brown hair and light brown eyes, medium dark skin, slight color.

MISS M.

A rust color taffeta, trimmed with curtains of the same color in varying shades from reddish amber to brown would be attractive, smart and becoming.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

I as to attend an informal evening wedding and desire to have a pretty dress made which I can use for dancing out later. I would like some embroidery or bead work on it so I can get it done nicely. Am 17 years of age, brown eyes and light brown hair, fairly good coloring.

MINNIE.

A design of embroidery and beads simulating a yoke as I have sketched, and the same design to trim the hips. Loop and ends of self color tulle at sides. Raspberry red would be pretty as rust color.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

My sealskin coat is so short in the sleeves it is uncomfortable. I have to wear long gloves to look right. Can you suggest a remedy? Am forty years of age. Will

you also advise me what material will be smart for spring street dresses?

MRS. H. D. W.

If your coat has a belt which you could do without, you could piece out your sleeves with it. Otherwise would suggest buying banding the desired width for the purpose, or possibly you could make use of a bit of other kind of fur you might have, such as squirrel, beaver or skunk. Point twill in the woollen textures will be smart, but many silk dresses will be worn, of the crepe weaves.

Dear Miss Lodewick:

I have 4 1/2 yards of 50-inch woollen mixture, brown and white and would like to make a smart dress of same for street wear this spring. Am 5 ft. 6 in. tall and have an excellent figure, am blond and thirty-five years of age.

MRS. T. B.

I have sketched for you this style, having pipings of brown silk braid and a braided motif to mark the closing. The back is semi-fitted, pocket flaps trim only the hips. Skirt may be plain or have circular side tunics.